GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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NUMBER OF SHOPS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the average number of shops per thousand population in the country is much more as compared to other countries like United States of America, England, Singapore, Japan etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the comparative figures of the average number of shops in India and other countries; and

(c) the comparative figures regarding the size of shops in India and other countries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) to (c): As per the data compiled by the Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour and Employment received in the form of annual returns from 21 States/ Union Territories, the total number of shops during the year 2004 was 36, 97,119. The details of average number of shops and the comparative figures regarding the size of shops in India and other countries are not maintained by the Government.